



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Racz et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/611,667

**Filed:** July 1, 2003

**For:** APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR  
SENSING AND COOLING DURING  
APPLICATION OF THERMAL ENERGY  
FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE  
SPINAL DISCS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 16, 2005**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 16, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 11 of this paper.